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Mr. Henry Pettengill
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For Health
Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Pettengill:

Please find enclosed a copy of a memorandum of agreement which has resulted from previous meetings with Jonathan Weisgall, Attorney for the Bikini People, and members of our respective staffs regarding DOE's role in providing future logistical and technical support to the Bikini Atoll Resettlement Project.

As you may know, we have not yet reached agreement with the Bikini Council on the level of funding that will be authorized from the Trust Fund for FY 1992. However, we are operating under a form of a continuing resolution in which I authorized expenditures at levels no greater than the amounts approved for FY 1991. As a result, the Bikinians have not given OTIA a specific scope of work for FY 1992. In the meantime, however, I know of nothing to preclude us from consummating the terms of, and commencing operations under this new agreement which is designed to address some of the problems experienced in the implementation of the previous agreement.

I understand the original draft of the agreement is contained in your word processor. If you could prepare and sign three copies of the final agreement, I am prepared to sign on behalf of the Department of the Interior. These would then be forwarded to Jonathan Weisgall. He will return a signed copy of the agreement to each of us once it has been signed by Mayor Tomaki Juda.

If you should require additional information, please have your staff contact Larry Morgan at (202) 208-3003.

Sincerely,

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for Stella Guerra
Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure